

Memorandum: Above Adjustments by Designation	Program Integrity	Disaster Relief	Emergency	Total
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority	0	0	0	0
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	0	0	0	0
General Purpose Outlays	0	0	1	1

PROVIDING NEW SANCTIONS TOOLS TO TARGET HEZBOLLAH

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, we acted on a measure I cosponsored to provide new authorities to the President to extend the wide array of existing U.S. sanctions on Hezbollah to any international banks determined by the Treasury Department to facilitate its activities. I commend my colleagues Senators SHAHEEN and RUBIO for introducing an earlier form of this measure and for pressing to ensure Senate action on it.

The bill also requires that a range of new policymaking information be provided to Congress from the administration on Hezbollah's malign activities, including its narcotics trafficking and other criminal activity and its terrorism-related and propaganda activity throughout the Middle East.

Especially in the wake of the Iran nuclear agreement, which I supported and which is now being implemented, it is critical that we continue to do everything we can to shut down Iran's terrorist proxies like Hezbollah, and to impose powerful financial and other sanctions on those who enable its operational or financial networks.

Hezbollah clearly has the potential to continue to threaten Israel, and this must continue to be an important focus of our efforts to confront it directly and to confront those who would finance and support its efforts wherever they may be.

In addition, with regional and international spillover effects of the civil war in Syria, we must also keep in mind the damage being done by Hezbollah's extensive support of the dictatorial Assad government.

The Assad government's violent suppression of the Syrian people's courageous campaign in early 2011 to secure their universal rights resulted in the murder of countless innocent Syrians. The violent crackdown of peaceful protesters and the denial of their legitimate democratic aspirations directly led to fledgling armed opposition groups throughout Syria. Since then, Hezbollah has provided training, logistics, and direct personnel to the Government of Syria's ruthless and criminal efforts to violently crush the opposition, driving many into the arms of extremist groups like ISIL and the Nusra Front.

For years, Iran has provided Hezbollah with training, weapons, and explosives as well as political, diplomatic, monetary, and organizational aid. However, Hezbollah has been enterprising in supplementing its revenue stream through criminal activities like drug trafficking, money laundering, and counterfeiting among others.

The Iran nuclear agreement was necessarily focused exclusively on pre-

venting Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. That is because a nuclear-armed Iran would pose an exponentially greater danger to the security of the United States, our ally Israel, and the entire world. In my view, the agreement was the only viable option to prevent such a disastrous scenario.

But now we must do more to confront Hezbollah, as part of our broader efforts to strengthen regional security and antiterrorism efforts in the Middle East. Our goal here is simple: to shut down Hezbollah's funding networks which support its terrorist, narco-trafficking, and other criminal activities.

This bill gives the administration new tools to more aggressively pursue foreign banks that finance Hezbollah and requires key reporting to Congress on whether current efforts by other countries to combat Hezbollah's activities are adequate so that we might reassess our policy on an ongoing basis. In addition, it requires the administration to provide regular briefings for Congress on Hezbollah's narco-trafficking activities and other criminal activities, including prospects for explicit designation under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act or as a transnational criminal organization.

The bill imposes tough, targeted new sanctions measures on Hezbollah and its financiers, while minimizing unintended consequences against innocent third-party banks or countries that have worked hard to combat Hezbollah's reach. I am confident, for example, after consulting with State Department and Treasury officials, that the bill will be implemented to avoid overcompliance by U.S., European, and other financial institutions that could otherwise inadvertently damage Lebanon's banking sector, a key bulwark of its economy. That is especially important as Lebanon's economy is already under pressure, burdened with the highest number of refugees per capita in the world.

I commend this bipartisan legislation to my colleagues. I thank Senators SHAHEEN and RUBIO and Chairman SHELBY for working with me to ensure its passage.

REMEMBERING LA'DARIOUS WYLIE

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the life and remarkable heroism of La'Darious Wylie, an 11-year-old boy from Chester, SC, who showed his love for his younger sister by saving her life.

On October 27, La'Darious was standing at a schoolbus stop in Chester when he realized a car was heading toward his sister, Sha'Vonta McCrorey. His love for his sister led him to immediately jump in front of the moving car

and push his sister out of the way. At that moment, La'Darious saved his sister's life.

La'Darious sacrificed his life in order to save his sister's. This truly touched my heart and moved people across our Nation. La'Darious was brave and selfless during a dangerous situation, and his heroic act says a lot about who he was, even at such a young age: fearless, compassionate, and a leader.

I had an opportunity to speak with La'Darious's mother, Liz McCrorey, and my heart aches for her, La'Darious's sister Sha'Vonta, and his brother Carlos Wylie. My prayers are with them. I ask that everyone will keep them in their thoughts as they continue to heal and grieve.

I am positive La'Darious is in a better place. He was a true hero, and his family should be proud of that.

Today I ask that we honor and celebrate his life. His courage and ultimate sacrifice should never be forgotten.

God bless.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JIM HARRIGER

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I wish to honor today the 22 years of service of Jim Harriger as the executive director of Springfield Victory Mission. Since starting his work at the mission, Jim has faithfully dedicated his life to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of the Springfield community.

Jim is truly an icon of the philanthropic community in my hometown of Springfield, MO. From the beginning, he has said he felt called by God to serve Springfield in this way. He exemplifies what it means to put faith into action.

At the beginning of his service in 1993, the mission consisted of just two small buildings on Commercial Street. Under Jim's effective leadership, the mission grew to include some of its most well-known programs including the culinary arts school; Victory Trade School; and a student-run restaurant, Cook's Kettle.

The mission has been a place of help and hope for lives affected by poverty and addiction. In the mission's service to those in need, Jim has promoted the idea that we should see a person's God-given potential, rather than defining them by their circumstances.

Lives have been changed, the hungry have been fed, the homeless have gained shelter, and the hopeless have found hope. The work of Victory Mission will continue, and both the mission and Springfield are better because of the work of Jim Harriger.

Jim is set to officially retire on January 31, 2016. There is no doubt that